

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 Cosmetic compositions and methods of decreasing sebum production by
contacting sebocytes with a fatty acid synthase inhibitor, including cerulenin,
triclosan, α -methylene- γ -butyrolactone, and EGCG, as well as mixtures thereof and
analogs thereof. The invention further relates to a cosmetic method of identifying
sebum production inhibiting actives comprising contacting the active with FAS and
10 detecting a reduction in sebum amount production in sebocytes.